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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Attn: Mail Stop AF**
 Tadashi SAO et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3744
 Serial No. 10/580,909 : Examiner: Mohammad M. Ali
 Filed: May 30, 2006 : **Confirmation No. 6843**
 For: BRANCHING PIPE JOINT AND AN AIR :
 CONDITIONER PROVIDED THEREWITH :

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the October 22, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-22 are now pending, with claims 1 and 15 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.